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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This amendment is being submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 16, 2005. A response to the Office Action was originally due August 16, 2005. A petition and fee for a one-month extension of time extending the due date to September 16, 2005 accompany this Amendment. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper. Material added has been indicated by underlining (underlining) and material deleted has been indicated by strikethrough (~~strikethrough~~).

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